



# SAVE THE FRANKLIN BATTLEFIELD

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*Dedicated to the Preservation, Protection, and Promotion of Civil War Sites in Williamson County, Tennessee*

Dear STFB member—

As the temperatures bottom out here in Middle Tennessee, the year is heating up in Franklin. We are busy scheduling and planning our first tour of the year for April. We have found that the weather is often inclement in March, especially for our events!

We are partnering with the Tennessee Civil War Heritage Area, located at the Center for Historic Preservation at Middle Tennessee State University, to use their expertise to consider future plans for site development and interpretation of Collins' Farm. You may read more about this elsewhere in this newsletter.

STFB is working to organize a 'summit' meeting of the City, County, and State with the Civil War Preservation Trust on their next visit to Middle Tennessee. We feel there is interest building for partnership to purchase and preserve the Franklin Battlefield.

We are just now considering the County and City funded three-phase plan to interpret the Battle of Franklin, as presented by Joe Brent this past week. We'll have more information for you on this as it unfolds.

As our efforts become more collective, I feel that the year 2003 may hold some substantial victories to come in Williamson County. Thank you, once again, for being part of this collective effort to Save The Franklin Battlefield.

*Joe Smyth*

## STFB Fundraising Seminar

January 19, 2003

On Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, STFB held a fundraising seminar/workshop/brainstorming session at the Heritage Foundation offices in Franklin. STFB members and board members met for 3 hours to consider our past fundraising efforts, and to consider the direction of future fundraising efforts.

Personally, I enjoy the thought of a yearly "retreat" in January after the hectic holidays. This gives us, as an organization, a chance to go "off-agenda" and work in-depth on a particular subject. Last year you might remember we spent an afternoon exploring the history and significance of Collins Farm.

Before beginning, we listed a number of questions that needed to be asked—if not answered:

- How happy am I with our fundraising efforts to date?
- In 18 months since purchase, 38% of sale cost of CF has been raised—how do I feel about that?
- Is membership (size, quality, etc) a factor in fundraising?
- Is publicity/public knowledge (of STFB, our mission statement, etc) a factor in fundraising?
- Do I feel small and large fundraising projects/events are equally important?
- What percentage of our organizational focus should be on fundraising?
- How important is thinking "inside the box" versus "outside the box" in fundraising?
- Is paying off CF my major concern, or am I concerned with a fundraising program for the future?
- How does "Preaching to the Choir" impact fundraising?
- How involved have I been in past fundraising efforts, and how involved do I see myself in the future?

I was glad that our discussions tended away from that of "Car Wash versus Bake Sale" and towards the greater philosophical consideration of fundraising and the aspects that impact it. We reviewed our past fundraising efforts and their degree of success, and considered possible fundraising events for the future. We considered the role of membership, publicity, and involvement in a successful fundraising effort. We appreciate the input from our board, and greatly appreciate the input that came from you, the members. Please feel free to keep your comments and ideas coming in—we welcome them!



# News In Review by Sam Gant

## NEWS IN REVIEW, JANUARY 2003

**Bush approves money pot for battlefield preservation** *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."* 12/31/02 **FRANKLIN** \$50 million fund designed to match donations for Civil War sites. 2002 ended with a note of hope for those concerned about memorializing something that happened in 1864. President George W. Bush earlier this month signed into law a \$50 million bill designed to preserve American's endangered Civil War battle fields through conservation easements and the purchase of battlefield lands. The Civil War Battlefield Protection Preservation Act commits \$10 million a year in matching funds over the next five years to preserve significant battlefields not on federal property. Franklin's own Civil War battlefield was named to the top 10 list of endangered Civil War battlefields last winter by the Civil War Preservation Trust, based in Washington, D.C.

### **Markers are the first phase of battlefield plan** *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."*

**01/06/03 FRANKLIN** City and county officials will take the first step toward creating a tour of Franklin's Civil War battlefield this month when a consulting firm presents ideas for marking significant sites. A plan to interpret some 19 acres of land on the former Battle Ground Academy campus where the county's new library is being built will be presented Jan. 21 in the county Administrative Complex.. The city of Franklin and Williamson County have budgeted \$17,500 each for the interpretive plan being done by Mudpuppy & Waterdog Inc., Kentucky public history specialists. "Initially what we're going to do is basic interpretation, an outline for the BGA property with a plan for where signage should be and what it should say, generally," said Joseph E. Brent, a partner at Mudpuppy & Waterdog.

**Markers, museum items left in place** *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."* 01/08/03 **FRANKLIN** Battle Ground Academy left its

Columbia Avenue campus fairly bare when it moved its middle school students to the new facility on its upper campus. However, a few items were left behind. First, the stone BGA markers on either edge of the campus along Columbia Avenue will stay put. One was recently damaged by a vehicle, but it will be repaired and left in place. The county asked the school to leave the stone signs that simply read "Battle Ground Academy" as a way to preserve the heritage of the property. The names on the buildings were also left behind in hopes that the county keeps them, also for historical purposes. And for now, the BGA collection of historical Civil War artifacts remains. The school would like to work out a deal with the county to display the artifacts in a county museum where the public could view the pieces, which include everything from cannon balls to battle drums.

### **Civil War widow Gertrude Janeway dies at age 93** *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."*

**01/20/03 BLAINE**-Gertrude Janeway, the last widow of a Union veteran from the Civil War, has died in the three-room log cabin in which she lived most of her life. She was 93. She died Friday, more than six decades after the passing of John Janeway, who married her when he was 81 and she was barely 18. She was to be buried today near her husband's slender military tombstone at the tiny New Corinth Church cemetery. Still alive is Confederate widow Alberta Martin, 95, of Elba, Ala.

### **Civil War park plan would include welcome center, recreated earthworks** *The Tennessean, "Williamson A.M."* 01/22/03

**FRANKLIN** - Images of an open, tranquil Civil War park to commemorate the Battle of Franklin began coming into focus yesterday at a presentation by public history specialists in the county Administrative Complex. Extensive walking trails, state-of-the-art visitors' signs, a welcome center and recreated earthworks were recommended for some 19 acres located off South Columbia Avenue, where Williamson County is

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## STONES RIVER BOOK BACK IN PRINT

"Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Stones River" by David Logsdon can now be ordered from STFB. The book has been out of print for several years. This title is the second of four Eyewitnesses offerings in the softbound 8 1/2 X 11 format. Originally published in 1989 using materials from 60-odd first person accounts that filled 82 pages, this revised 2002 edition has been expanded to 129 pages and draws upon 120 eyewitness accounts by civilians and soldiers from both sides.

Logsdon interweaves passages from various writers that all describe a common time and place during the three day Battle of Stones River, Dec 31, 1862 - Jan 2, 1863. It is a wonderful technique for developing a "you are there" understanding of the events. You can see and experience the battle's events from the perspectives of several participants - a 'God's-eye view'.

With the addition of this book to our shelf inventory, all four of Logsdon's Eyewitnesses series is now available from STFB. Books are shipped in a large padded envelope to protect the covers and corners.

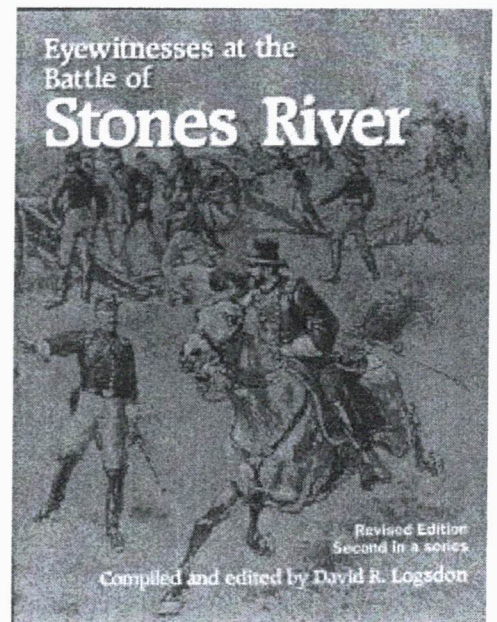
Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Franklin (122 pages/90 accounts)

Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Stones River (129 pages/120 accounts)

Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Shiloh (108 pages/100 accounts)

Eyewitnesses at the Battle of Fort Donnellson (122 pages/90 accounts)

At \$12 each + S&H, a better Civil War reading value cannot be found. We highly recommend all of these books on Tennessee's Civil War battles. STFB and others have encouraged David to do an Eyewitnesses book on the Battle of Nashville. He says he is diligently working on one and we will be among the first to know when it is ready - and we'll pass that good news along to our STFB membership as well.





## The "40 For Franklin" March Treks Onward

The re-enactors' 2002 "Forty For Franklin" March for Collins Farm has raised \$15,503 in donations as of January 24, 2003. All of the march donations have gone toward paying-down the debt on Collins Farm. The total donations by state can be seen at [www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm](http://www.franklin-stfb.org/march02.htm)

To-date, the Confederate Marchers have tallied \$7,466 in actual donations received, and the Federal Marchers' total is \$8,037. It will be the end of February before the FINAL final totals are known. We know of \$500 in matching grants that remain 'the-checks-in-the-mail' status so we will definitely meet our goal of \$16,000 for the Forty For Franklin project. But you still have time to get your donation, or a combined donation from your group, to us in order to be included in the official "Forty For Franklin" totals. A touch extra to be absolutely sure we reach \$16,000 wouldn't hurt.



## New & Renewing November 2002

Michael Bevell Chicago, IL  
 Joe & Elaine Smyth, Jr. Cumberland, Maine  
 James Turner, Nashville, TN  
 John Mays, Franklin, TN  
 Paul & Nancy Anderson, Franklin, TN  
 Peter Schofield, Cleveland, OH  
 Jeff McEver, Nashville, TN  
 James & Judith Hackett, Brentwood, TN  
 John & Camille Allen & Family, College Grove TN  
 David Rousculp, Marietta, GA  
 Thomas Carothers, St. Helen, MI  
 Robert D. Jenkins, Sr. Dalton, GA  
 Tom Wiehle, Remer MN  
 Gene Andrews, Nashville, TN  
 Jeff Augustat, Cadillac, MI  
 Lewis Hooper, Franklin, TN  
 Tony Chichantk, Woodale, IL  
 C. Scott Felix, Alum Bank, PA  
 Rob Dean, Franklin, TN  
 Dennis Field, Manhattan, IL  
 The Ladies of Columbia, Culleoka, TN  
 George & Patricia Bullard, Nashville, TN

## New & Renewing December 2002

Elizabeth Salgado, San Francisco CA  
 Tom Yearby, Shreveport LA  
 Gerald McIntyre, Columbus OH  
 Nick Romer, Franklin TN  
 Bruce Hohler, Thompsons Station TN  
 Stephen Tosterud, Bush LA  
 Carl Bibee, Antioch, TN  
 John Halliday, Benicia CA  
 George Wilkinson, Dexter MI  
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 M/M Ronald Ligon, Franklin TN  
 Jerry Allen, Buffalo Grove IL  
 J D Fraser, Franklin TN  
 James L Jones, Dallas TX  
 Gary & Barbara Holbrook, Franklin TN  
 Elizabeth Borcik, Franklin TN  
 Thomas & Dorothy Rivett, Lincoln NE  
 Art Bagley, Tampa FL  
 Jane Hamm, Hunstville AL  
 Robert Brandt, Nashville TN

Save The Franklin Battlefield Membership/Renewal/Order Form

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**Membership is annual, donations are tax deductible.**

Quantity	Description Annual Membership (Choose One)	Price Each	Total
	2000 STFB Day by Day in Middle Tenn. Calendar	\$5.00	
	1999 STFB Day by Day Bicentennial Calendar	\$5.00	
	Both Calendars 1999 and 2000—different pictures in each!	\$10.00	
	"Retreat from Pulaski to Nashville" Book Reprint	\$20.00	
	1989 Commemorative Belt Buckle	\$10.00	
	1989 Commemorative Paperweight	\$10.00	
	1997 Self-Guided Driving Tour Map	\$3.00	
	Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Stones River	\$12.00	
	Eyewitnesses to the Battle of Franklin by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
	Eyewitness to the Battle of Shiloh by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
	Eyewitness to the Battle of Ft. Donelson by D. Logsdon	\$12.00	
	Print of Nathan Bedford Forrest by Jody Thompson	\$30.00	
	Print of Patrick Cleburne by Jody Thompson	\$30.00	
		<b>Order Sub-Total</b>	
		<b>Shipping/Handling</b> under \$10 \$0.75 \$10 - \$24.99 \$2.95 \$25 and up \$4.50	
	-Individual	\$20.00	
	-Family	\$30.00	
	-Corporate	\$50.00	
	Donation—Marker Fund		
	Donation—Land Purchase		
		<b>Order Total</b>	

## COLLINS FARM MORTGAGE STATUS

Collins Farm bought June 2001	\$227,000
Paid-off to date	63,000
Bank debt out-standing	164,000

STFB Land Fund reserves	20,095
Effective net owed	\$143,905

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building a new library. The proposed interpretive plan, by Mudpuppy & Waterdog Inc. of Versailles, Ky., would not be implemented until a resolution is submitted and commissioners agree to dedicate the land for a battlefield park, but consensus seemed favorable yesterday among a handful of government officials, residents and representatives of local historic groups who came to hear the presentation on "Phase I of an Interpretive Plan for the Battle of Franklin."

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